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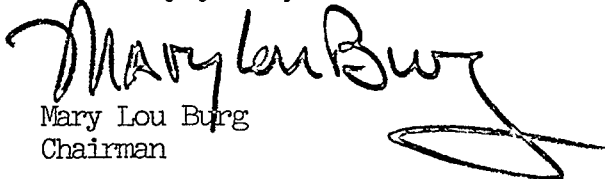
Dear Senator Eagleton:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 1979 regarding Mr. Randy Leiner's feelings that the mechanical royalty rate for songs should be increased two and three-fourths cents per copy sold.

When this issue comes before the Tribunal early next year we will take these concerns into consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Mary Lou Burg
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 4, 1979

Ms. Mary Lou Burg
Commissioner
Copyright Royalty Tribunal
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Dear Ms. Burg:

Recently Mr. Randy Leiner, an up-and-coming songwriter and a constituent of mine, wrote my office to express his feeling that the mechanical royalty rate for songs should be increased from the present rate of two and three-fourths cents per copy sold.

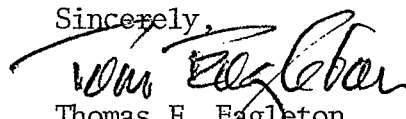
I understand that the Tribunal, will be holding formal hearings on the mechanical royalty rates in the Spring of next year, pursuant to the 1976 Copyright Law.

Mr. Leiner's letter makes an impressive argument that the royalty rate is unrealistically low, particularly in comparison to the rates of other countries. I urge the Tribunal to give due consideration to Mr. Leiner's views as they embark on their own deliberations.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Thomas F. Eagleton
United States Senator

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